

The Devonshire Hill Nursery & Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

On behalf of the staff at The Devonshire Hill Nursery and Primary School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2016-17 school year! All of the staff have been very busy over the holidays preparing for the new academic year both in the classrooms and around school.

WELL DONE & THANK YOU to everyone who brought their children to school on the first day of term. I am pleased to be able to report to Stephen Lock, The Chair of Governors, that we had the best return yet for September.

The children look very smart in their school uniforms ready for learning. Please ensure your child has the correct school PE Kit in school at all times, a waterproof school coat and school shoes. They also need a school bag for their reading book and any homework. Ask at Reception if you need any items or check out our on-line shop: macpac.com (click on 'education'/'are you a parent'/'find my school').

Building work

Our site team have delivered significant improvements over the summer, including:

- Renovation of the School House, providing an additional learning environment for our children
- Creation of 'Jade Class', a new provision for some of our younger children who have special educational needs.
- Installation of a floor to ceiling partition wall which enables the hall to be split into two rooms.

Punctuality

The School gates opens at 8:45 every day so you can bring your children into school nice and early, ready for the day's learning experience. Remember we start teaching immediately at 8.55am so if your child is late they are missing out on essential learning!

(Nursery: morning children start at 8:30 and afternoon children at 12:15)

Assemblies

Celebration Assemblies continue to be held at 9:05am on the following days; Monday (Yrs 5-6), Tuesday (Yrs 3-4) and Friday (Yrs 1-2). Parents/carers are welcome to attend – you will receive a text if your child is due to receive a certificate at their assembly.

Packed Lunch

If you provide your child/ren with a packed lunch please ensure it's a healthy and varied, without crisps, chocolates or sweets. A balanced packed lunch should contain:

- starchy foods – these are bread, rice, potatoes, pasta and others.
- protein foods – including meat, fish, eggs, beans and others.
- a dairy item – this could be cheese or a yoghurt.
- vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit.

Cakes and biscuits should be given as an occasional treat only.

For packed lunch ideas please see the suggestions on page 3 'What goes in my lunchbox' or visit:

<http://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/school-packed-lunch-inspiration>.

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After School Clubs

I'm pleased to advise that our after school club offering has grown this term. Clubs will start from Monday, 19th September – parents/carers will receive a letter this week listing the clubs on offer. There are lots of exciting new opportunities for the children!

Curriculum Statements and Homework Passports

Curriculum Statements and Homework Passports will be sent home this week - we ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she: 1) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers 2) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills 3) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life 4) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject 5) Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school and further their education.

This academic year we have developed our own TOPIC curriculum, which will give your child an exciting opportunity to develop their skills, knowledge and vocabulary in a range of stimulating TOPIC work.

Behaviour Management

We have recently introduced a system of notification for parents when their child has been given a behaviour warning at school. The majority of our children are very well behaved but on occasion, when the wrong choice is made, we will work quickly with the child to support positive behaviour going forward. If we have ongoing concerns about your child's behaviour you will be asked to attend a meeting at school.

Term Dates

A reminder of the term dates for this academic year is attached for your reference.

New School Website

We will be launching our new website in the very near future – a separate communication will be sent to parents/carers with more detail.

OFSTED

Our last whole school OFSTED inspection was in 2012 when we sustained our 'Good' status. We are now well within the 'window' for another inspection and so expect to be inspected in the very near future – most possibly sometime this term. We are aiming to attain an Outstanding grade.

Lastly, we recognise that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

As always, thank you for your continuing support as we embark on another very exciting year where we have the highest expectations for your children to excel in all they do on our journey to Outstanding.

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WHAT GOES IN MY LUNCHBOX

<p>FRUIT (2 PIECES)</p>	
<p>SANDWICH, WRAP OR ALTERNATIVE</p>	
<p>DAIRY</p>	
<p>VEGETABLES (2 PIECES)</p>	
<p>FIBRE/GRAINS (Wholegrains)</p>	
<p>WATER</p>	



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